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provisions of the Bill. It is not necessary for me at this stage to enter into any detailed discussion of the merits or the demerits of the Bill in some of its important provisions and I propose to reserve my remarks for a future occasion. But, so far as the present motion is concerned, I venture to state that this motion is rather misconceived. Having regard to the attitude of the hon. the Law Member in the elaborate statements that he made that reasonable opportunities will be given and that all reasonable representations will receive due consideration, there is absolutely no reason why we should try to place an embargo upon the Bill at this stage. The hon. the Law Member told us that the Select Committee, whatever its complexion or constitution may be, is not likely to commence its labours till about the beginning of March. That means it will give plenty of time for various public bodies and private institutions and private gentlemen to meet together and settle their well-considered resolutions and pass them on to the Select Committee for their consideration. It would also be possible for us to make ourselves felt through the medium of the Select Committee which will be constituted. In my humble judgment, the Bill is long overdue, and the hon. the Law Member, after some correspondence with the Government of India, has after all thought it fit to place this Bill before the House at a belated stage, and, as such, we should not oppose the introduction of the Bill. In these circumstances, I feel constrained to oppose the motion for adjournment."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"Sir, even on the last occasion, when the hon. Sir K. Srinivasa Ayyangar introduced the Irrigation Bill, I voted against its rejection. As one coming from the districts which are in urgent need of big irrigation schemes which have no chance of being initiated unless a measure of the kind now under discussion is enacted, I feel it my duty to give all the support I can for leave being granted for the introduction of this Bill (hear, hear). In saying so of course I am not committing myself to any acceptance of the details embodied in the Bill. I know there are some provisions in the Bill which are open to serious objection, but I do not despair of rectifying those defects either in the stage of the Select Committee or later on. I do not know whether hon. Members of this House who were sitting here last time are unaware of the fact of the introduction of some of the Bills in this House and of their emergence subsequently from the Select Committee beyond all recognition from the form they originally had. If that were possible in the case of some Bills, I do not see why we should now despair of bringing about reasonable changes in the Bill as now placed before us. So, Sir, I would appeal to the Members of all parties in this House not to treat this Bill as a party question as they did last time—very unfortunately as I think. I would appeal to them to take a broad view of the matter and to give leave only for the introduction of the Bill. I would also suggest to the hon. the Law Member to afford all facilities he can for representations being made in the Select Committee stage also. It may be that the ryots may not be able to present their objections by themselves, and they may have the necessity of invoking the aid of lawyers in presenting their points of view. I am asking him to permit representations being made by their vakils or agents. I think the hon. the Law Member is prepared to give us facilities in this way, and I do not see any reason why, after the statement that he has made, we should refuse leave for the introduction of the Bill at this stage. He has shown to us the urgency of the

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Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Is it a mere accident ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" It is so, I believe."

Mr. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—" May I ask whether the three Muhammadans who were removed from service were appointed during the time of the present Inspector-General or that of his predecessor ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer given to the question is in reference to the period 1920 to 1923."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Is the present Minister also in it ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Partly."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Will the hon. the Minister say how many Muhammadans he appointed while he was in charge and how many of them were gazetted officers ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I will obtain the information and furnish it to the hon. Member."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" What are the special reasons which led the hon. the Minister for Education to appoint unpassed candidates as Sub-Registrars ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Unrepresented communities, depressed classes and such other special reasons."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo :—" Will he give us any idea as to the places in which such appointments were made ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" No."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Is it a fact that now only graduates are appointed ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Preferably graduates."

Mr. ABBAS ALI KHAN :—" Where no Muhammadan graduates are forthcoming, will the hon. the Minister make an exception in the case of Muhammadans ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Yes, as in the case of backward and other communities where there is a paucity of graduates and persons who have received higher education."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" Are Muhammadans a backward community ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I believe I said backward and other communities.

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Are there any Anglo-Indians included ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" There are."

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Are the Muhammadans placed under the Labour Commissioner ? " (Laughter).

Granting of leave to clerks in the Registration department.

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(1) whether it is a fact that the present Inspector-General of Registration has increased the quantity of work prescribed for each clerk by about 50 per cent ;